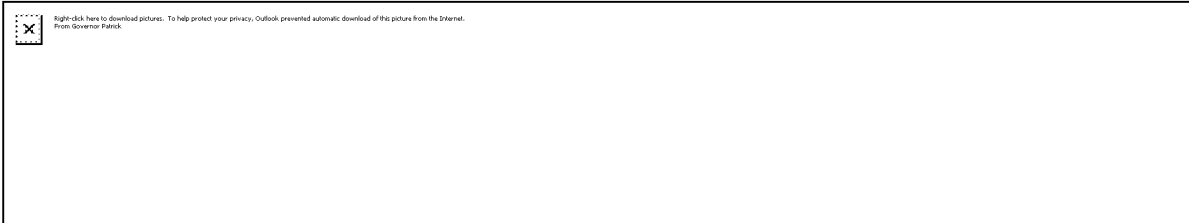


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Dear colleagues,

Today, it is my distinct honor to celebrate Massachusetts Performance Recognition Day by recognizing some of the outstanding public servants whose dedication and hard work continue to strengthen our Commonwealth.

You keep our neighborhoods safe, care for our most vulnerable citizens, educate tomorrow's leaders, and so much more. Together, we have weathered the effects of the global recession and emerged stronger as a result. Thanks to your commitment to service, Massachusetts leads the nation in innovation, in education, and in health care.

Your dedication and hard work often go unnoticed. I believe that excellence in public service deserves recognition. And I am proud to celebrate with you some of the individuals who have made a significant difference in our Commonwealth this past year.

First, I congratulate the 230 employees who were recognized with the Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance this year for their exemplary contributions to our state. Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence.

Each year, we also present three highly selective performance-based recognition awards to groups and individuals who have made an extraordinary impact in the past year. I am pleased to announce the winners of those awards, who will be recognized at a ceremony on June 27th.

The Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service is given annually to ten employees or groups of employees who exemplify the highest standards of excellence in public service. The 2011 recipients are:

- Kathy A. Adam, Registered Nurse, Department of Developmental Services
- Scott Fillmore, Customer Service Representative, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, RMV Division
- Robert Forsythe, Sergeant, Office of Law Enforcement, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- William Gode-von Aesch, Director of Flood Control Management and Navigational Operations Division, Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Sherry Horeanopoulos, Information Security Officer, Fitchburg State University
- Edward Srednicki, Executive Secretary, Division of Labor Relations
- Michael Zukowski, Supervising Identification Agent, Department of State Police
- The Charter School Development Team, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- HRCMS Version 9 Upgrade Team, Human Resources Division
- Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Registry, Department of Public Health

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Workforce Mentoring Award is given annually to two employees who are outstanding leaders in the area of mentoring in the workplace. The 2011 recipients are:

- Stephanie Cunningham, Project Coordinator, Department of Fish and Game
- Agatha Summons McGuire, Civil Rights/Diversity Officer, Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Eugene H. Rooney, Jr. Public Service Award is given annually to an employee(s) who best exemplifies excellence in the field of human resource development and

training. This year's recipients are:

- Sandra Borders, Director, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, Human Resources Division
- Swee Lin Wong-Wagner, Human Resources Director, Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Thank you and congratulations again to all of the individuals and groups recognized this year and to each of my colleagues in state government. Your work and your contributions are deeply valued.

Sincerely,

